

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): A wound dressing comprising a foam layer of soft, hydrophilic polymeric foam having bodyside and backside surfaces; a base layer of elastomeric film adhered to said bodyside surface of said foam layer; said base layer having at least one generally centrally located opening therein exposing said foam layer through said opening; said base layer having a bodyside surface coated with a hypoallergenic pressure-sensitive adhesive for adhesively contacting wound and surrounding skin surfaces at a wound site; and a vapor-permeable liquid-impermeable elastomeric backing layer extending over said backside surface of said foam layer ~~thereto~~; said backing layer being unattached to said backside surface of said foam layer over said centrally located opening of said base layer.

2 (previously presented): The wound dressing of claim 1 in which said backing layer includes a peripheral edge portion secured to said base layer about said foam layer.

3 (canceled)

4 (previously presented): The wound dressing of claims 1 or 2 in which said foam layer is composed of a soft hydrophilic polyurethane foam.

5 (previously presented): The wound dressing of claims 1 or 2 in which said elastomeric film of said base layer is gas-permeable and liquid-impermeable.

6 (previously presented): The wound dressing of claims 1 or 2 in which a flexible and stretchable foraminous layer extends over the surface of said backing layer opposite from said foam layer.

7 (previously presented): The wound dressing of claim 6 in which said flexible foraminous layer is formed of soft, stretchable polymeric foam.

8 (previously presented): The wound dressing of claim 6 in which said foraminous layer has a multiplicity of openings of regular shape for viewing said backing layer therethrough.

9 (previously presented): The wound dressing of claim 8 in which said openings in said flexible foraminous layer are generally rectangular in shape and are arranged in a grid pattern.